

Dear Senator and Judiciary Committee Members, thank you for introducing a bill on police reform which is sorely needed. Police have a responsibility to protect the people they serve and excessive force should never be used unless absolutely necessary. Chokeholds and strangleholds should be prohibited. Police must have training to address racial bias and to learn social work strategies to de escalate situations. Mental health assessments must also be required with specifications. The police reform bill should also include restrictions on militarizing municipal departments. Finally, police must have recommended training in crowd control to avoid violence against protesters.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Walsh

Deep River, CT